UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

SYMBOLOGY INNOVATIONS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE B-12 STORE, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:23-cv-00320-JRG-RSP

Jury Trial Demanded

PLAINTIFF'S ANSWER TO COUNTERCLAIMS

Symbology Innovations, LLC ("Symbology," "Plaintiff" and "Counter-Defendant") hereby files this Answer to the Counterclaims filed by Defendant The B-12 Store, LLC ("The B-12 Store") at Dkt. No. 6, and would respond as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Symbology admits this allegation.
- 2. Symbology admits this allegation.

JURISDICTION

- 3. Symbology incorporates its responses above.
- 4. Symbology admits that the Counterclaims purport to raise claims under the patent laws of the United States. Symbology denies such claims.
- 5. Symbology does not contest personal jurisdiction.
- 6. Symbology admits that venue is proper in this District. Symbology otherwise denies this allegation to the extent it suggests another venue is more convenient.

COUNT I DECLARATION REGARDING [ALLEGED] NON-INFRINGEMENT

- 7. Symbology incorporates its responses above.
- 8. Symbology admits this allegation.
- 9. Symbology denies this allegation and demands strict proof thereof.
- 10. Symbology denies this allegation and demands strict proof thereof. Symbology further denies that The B-12 Store is entitled to any relief whatsoever.

COUNT II DECLARATION REGARDING [ALLEGED] INVALIDITY

- 11. Symbology incorporates its responses above.
- 12. Symbology admits this allegation.
- 13. Symbology denies this allegation and demands strict proof thereof.
- 14. Symbology denies this allegation and demands strict proof thereof. Symbology further denies that The B-12 Store is entitled to any relief whatsoever.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Symbology denies all allegations in The B-12 Store's Prayer for Relief, and further denies that The B-12 store is entitled to any relief whatsoever.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. **Failure to State a Claim.** The Counterclaims, and each count therein, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
- 2. **Unjust Enrichment.** The B-12 Store improperly enriched itself and should not benefit for its improper and illegal acts.
- 3. **Validity.** Symbology affirmatively pleads that all of Asserted Patents are valid.

4. **Infringement.** Symbology affirmatively pleads that The B-12 Store has infringed, including

directly (whether individually or jointly) or indirectly (whether contributorily or by inducement),

all valid, enforceable claims of the Asserted Patents.

5. **Lack of Standing.** The B-12 Store does not have any right or standing to assert the claims at

issue.

6. **Legal Doctrine.** The B-12 Store's Counterclaims against Symbology are barred by one or more

of the equitable doctrines of laches, estoppel, acquiescence, waiver, and unclean hands.

7. **Reservation.** Symbology reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses as they

become known through additional investigation and/or discovery during the course of this

litigation.

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Respectfully Submitted

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